



## UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
 UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
 WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231  
[www.uspto.gov](http://www.uspto.gov)

APPLICATION NUMBER	FILED RECEIPT DATE	FIRST NAMED APPLICANT	ATTORNEY DOCKET NUMBER
10/084,578	02/27/2002	James L. DiGuiseppi	9250-29

20792  
 MYERS BIGEL SIBLEY & SAJOVEC  
 PO BOX 37428  
 RALEIGH, NC 27627

CONFIRMATION NO. 6023  
**FORMALITIES LETTER**



\*OC000000007729314\*

Date Mailed: 03/27/2002

## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

### FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

#### *Filing Date Granted*

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.  
*Applicant must submit \$ 740 to complete the basic filing fee for a non-small entity. If appropriate, applicant may make a written assertion of entitlement to small entity status and pay the small entity filing fee (37 CFR 1.27).*
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$228.
  - \$144 for 8 total claims over 20.
  - \$84 for 1 independent claims over 3 .
- The oath or declaration is missing.  
*A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.*
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- **The balance due by applicant is \$ 1098.**

*A copy of this notice MUST be returned with the reply.*

*Customer Service Center*

Initial Patent Examination Division (703) 308-1202

PART 3 - OFFICE COPY